

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, FL Celebrates Earth Day 2005

Throughout the month of April, the Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers celebrated Earth Day 2005 in a variety of ways and locations.

In a citywide event that brought present and former Corps employees together, Jacksonville District employees created beautiful landscaping for homes receiving a fresh coat of paint during the annual Paint the Town event, April 30, sponsored by the Housing Partnership of Northeast Florida, Jacksonville, Florida. Corps employees joined about 300 other volunteers from local corporate, civic and professional organizations to spruce up 49 newly painted homes in the Brentwood area of Jacksonville.



The district also participated in the annual Earth Day Jacksonville event with a display at the Jacksonville Landing, April 16, which showcased the district's environmental efforts and illustrated the Corps of Engineers Environmental Operating Principles. On April 23, district volunteers helped a brownie troop plant a flower garden at a local elementary school in Jacksonville.



In south Florida, on April 22, the district hosted an Earth Day event, "Birds and Books - Soaring to New Heights!" at the African American Research Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale, highlighting Everglades restoration and the students' environmental designs and artwork. A Take Pride Earth Day event was held Saturday, April 30 at the St. Lucie Visitor Center where eleven workers planted a total of 83 trees, flowers and shrubs to create the St. Lucie Butterfly Garden. Visitors can now walk out the back door of the St. Lucie Visitor Center and take a stroll on a gravel path that meanders around six flowerbeds filled with bluebell, plumbago, jatropa, thryallis and lantana.

